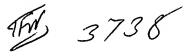
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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2006 finding Applicant's previous reply not fully responsive, the period for response expiring September 18, 2006, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.